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Homecoming 5k benefits veteran's center



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Barbie Anderson and her daughter cross Memorial Stadium toward the finish line of the Homecoming 5K Race.

Ellie Halcomb

Almost a thousand participants gathered at the K-State Alumni Center on the chilly Sunday morning to participate in a 5,000 meters race. The Homecoming 5K Race, sponsored by the K-State Alumni Association, kicked off homecoming week and raised money for the Manhattan Veteran's Center. A different cause is chosen each year by homecoming week's organizer, the Student Homecoming committee, and donates all proceeds to the organization.

"Every year we try to keep it local and K-State related," said Kirstin McGuffin, junior in communication science and disorders, and homecoming committee member. "I've seen some army people here so far today, which is

The Manhattan Vet Center

provides career and individual counseling to veterans and their families, as well as medical referrals. They also offer bereavement counseling and post-traumatic stress disorder therapy and support. The services are available to military members who have

As participants prepared for the 5K course that weaved its way around campus, some stretched or ran warm-up laps around Me-

morial Stadium, while others tried to stay warm in the 39 degree air. A group of students in full army fatigues stood grouped on the turf in Memorial Stadium, holding a large black flag.

We're running for [Prisoners of War] and [Missing in Action]. We'll be carrying a flag the entire time," Carl Minnix, junior in history, said. "It's awesome that this university

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Greek and Residential House Pairings for Homecoming 2013

- Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Theta Xi
- Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha of Clovia
- Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha
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- Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Triangle
- Marlatt Honors House, Ford
- West, Smurthwaite, Haymaker
- Jardine, Living Community, Goodnow
- Strong Complex, Moore

Resident halls Kickoff homecoming

Alison Shubitowski

K-State's 2013 homecoming got underway yesterday evening at Memorial Stadium with the Crazy Cat Kickoff event. Open to residence halls across campus, the kickoff was made up of five games: KSU Trivia, an obstacle course, a pen coordinating competition, Flip Flop Ping Pong and Willie Says. The five halls that competed for points during the event consisted of the Derby Complex and Goodnow Hall, plus the Smurthwaite

Scholarship House. The activities started off with KSU Trivia, which consisted of 15 questions about the university's history, traditions and football. The kickoff continued with a pen coordinating

competition in which two students from each team had to balance pens on the top of their hand, bounce them into the air and then catch them with the same hand starting with one all the way up to five. The first student to catch five pens at once won the game.

Following the pen competition was Flip Flop Ping Pong. The game featured 10 students from each team competing in pairs of two at a time trying to pass a pingpong ball back and forth in the air using flip flops as paddles, while walking down the field to a bucket placed about 10 feet away. Once students got their pingpong ball in the bucket, they ran back and the next pair for the team started. The game continued until all five pairs got the pingpong ball

in the bucket.

"I had a lot of fun, my favorite thing was the ping-pong with flip flops be-cause you had to do a lot of team coordinating," said Kris Larson, senior in me-

chanical engineering.
Willie Says, a K-State version of the traditional Simon Says with Willie the Wildcat leading, followed the pingpong competition. At Willie's request students twerked, popped locked and dropped it, and brought him a piece of

gum. "My favorite activity was Willie Says, because of all the different crazy things he made us do," Mar'Quel Collins, freshman animal science, said.

The final game of the evening was an obstacle

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Update on missing Welch, local crime briefs

The body of missing Manhattan man David Welch was discovered in a crashed, maroon Pontiac Montana van in a ravine about 47 miles west of Green River, Utah on Friday. Riley County Police Department said Welch, 54, was positively identified by the Utah Highway Patrol.

Welch was the husband of Kelly Welch, professor of family studies and human services. Authorities said a hitchhiker discovered the scene of the accident while walking past it. Officials said although evidence at the crash indicated the accident occurred Tuesday, Sept. 3, the vehicle rested at the bottom of the ravine where it could not be seen by highway traffic. Welch reportedly left his home on the evening of Monday, Sept. 2 without telling friends or family where he was going. His disappearance began a missing person investiga-tion, including a local search

for his whereabouts. K-State police released a special alert on Friday of stalking near the campus. A female student reported that a suspect posed as a police officer and followed her in a vehicle that looked like an unmarked police vehicle. The suspect, described as a white male with short, dark hair and a stocky build, impersonated an officer when he made contact with the victim. No arrests have been made in the case. Police ask anyone with information about the incident to contact them at 785-532-6412 or anonymously at ksu.edu/ police/silent.

A search warrant resulted in the arrest of three people Thursday night. Riley County Police arrested Manhattan residents Alyssa Hedman, Brandy Schultz and Eric Tucker. Hedman, 21, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Schultz, 20, was arrested on two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of meth and paraphernalia, and two counts of no Kansas drug tax stamp. Tucker, 27, was arrested for possession of meth and paraphernalia, and misuse of a telecommunications device.

Student committee behind weeklong homecoming celebration

Ellen Ochampaugh

Homecoming week comyesterday a 5,000 meter race, with Thursday marking the end of K-State's year-long 150th anniversary celebration. In honor of the anniversary, the Student Homecoming Committee selected the theme of "A Tale of Tradition."

Each year, various student organizations pair up and compete in activities throughout homecoming week. These activities inthe All-University clude Homecoming Philanthropy 5K Race, sidewalk chalking, Pant the Chant, Wildcat Request Live, painting spirit signs, Paint the 'Ville and the homecoming parade and pep

Mallory Patten, junior in journalism and mass communications and homecoming committee member, said that Pant the Chant is her favorite event of the week, even though she is a part of

the pep rally subcommittee. Pant the Chant is a choreographed cheer performance where student organizations perform either individually or with paired partners from their division.

The energy is wild," Patten said. "Pant the Chant is my favorite homecoming event because all of the organizations are brought together in Bramlage Coliseum to kick

off homecoming week."

Patten said that pairings practiced in advance, which ends up making Pant the Chant a very competitive homecoming event.

"Many pairings practice their 'chants' for weeks leading up to the event," Patten

The Student Homecoming Committee is responsible for overseeing homecoming activities. This year before Pant the Chant, the K-State student organization Order of Omega will be collecting

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I don't see why so many people are complaining about leggings. They're great for checking out them behinds!

K-State women, don't listen to Mr. CrabbyPants. You look great in your leggings, and you warm my day.

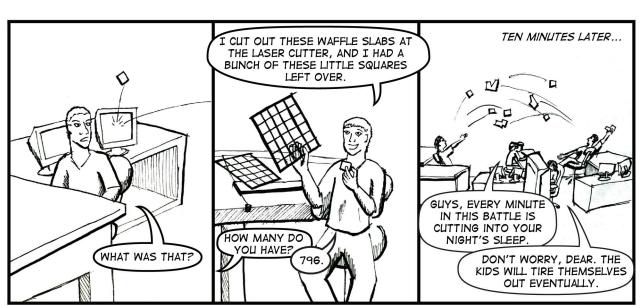
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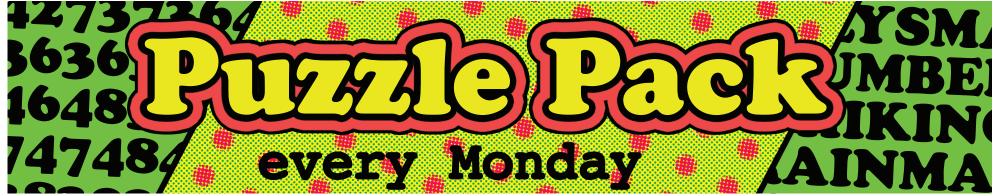
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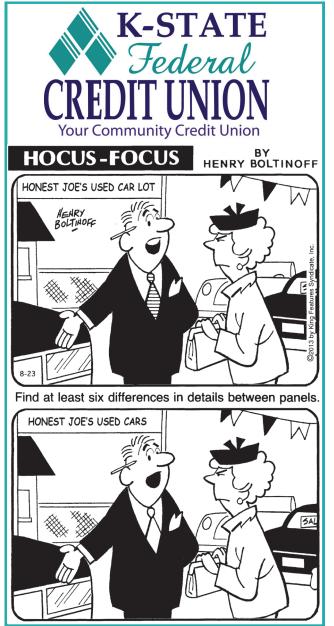
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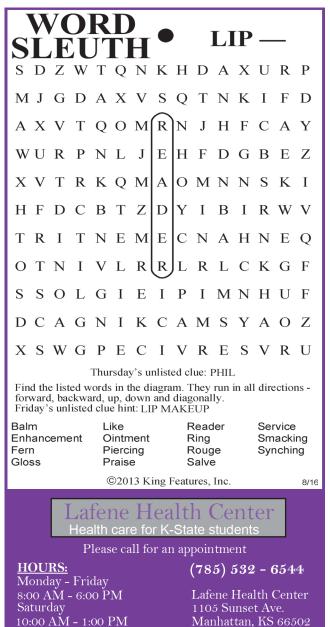


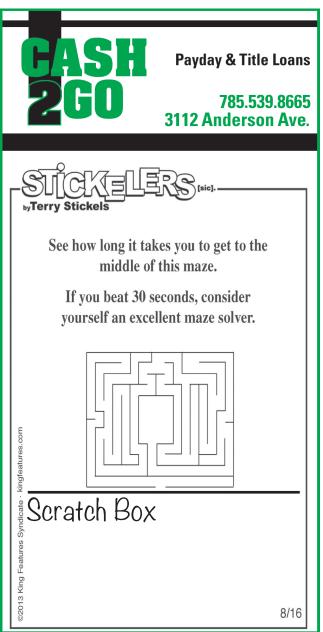


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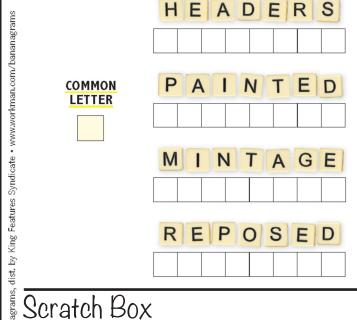
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Pro-Republican gerrymandering shuts out voters

districts that enable their reckless-

ness, or even require it. As long

as the congressman from

Louisiana's new C-shaped 6th District never helps

President Obama in any

thing shy of committing

seat with a comfortable

margin of victory. Even

if he commits murder,

he might be okay if the

victim isn't a Republican.

President Obama de-

cried the cycle of "govern-

ing by crisis" on Thursday,

and after the various

debt ceiling crises and

the shutdown, it's hard

to disagree. Congress

has a 90 percent

incumbency

way, he can do any-

murder and keep his



The shutdown showed us a lot about the problems with our government, but I'm surprised at the lack of attention given to the problem of gerrymandering. The New York Times reported that there were 144 Representatives who voted against reopening the government. While their actions may not have been popular with the country as a whole, it won't cost them anything in their deeply red home districts.

For a very obvious example, look at the city of Austin, Texas: the largest city in America without its own representative. Austin, the one liberal part of Texas, is split into four odd pie slices that spread out and encompass a lot of conservative rural counties. The districts are safe seats for Republicans, as all four of Austin's districts elected Republican representatives by comfortable majorities - John Carter of Texas' 21st District didn't even have a major opponent in his last two elections - and all four representatives voted against reopening on Thursday. Even though Austin is home to a strong concentration of Texans who didn't approve of their representation, their votes are drowned out by gerrymandered districts.

Gerrymandering has been happening for a long time, and it happened again in 2010 just as state legislatures across the country were swept by Republicans in the wake of a popular backlash against President Barack Obama. While Maryland and Illinois were egregious in redistricting efforts in the Democrats favor – Illinois' 4th District is possibly the most contrived district in the country, connecting Chicago's two Hispan-

ic districts with a thin isthmus with the clear aim of a Hispanic Congressman – most of the 2010 efforts benefited Republicans.

In Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, Republicans won about 50 percent of the popular vote in 2012 House races, but about 75 percent of the seats. President Obama won Ohio in 2012 by a two-point margin, but most of the state's Democrat voters are packed into four districts. Ohio's other 12 districts are solid Republican red. Of those 12 representatives, eight of them voted against the reopen on Thursday.

That said, the changes with 2010's redistricting weren't enormous by themselves. Political scientist Eric McGhee ran the numbers for themonkeycage.org and concluded that 2010's new district lines only netted six or seven extra seats for the Republicans over the previous districts. McGhee also pointed out that Dem-

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dense urban
areas, "wasting"
huge margins on
sure seats. Still, the
problem is there. The
ability of a political
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decade is disconcerting.

In increasingly Republican districts, there's very little incentive for a congressman to be a cooperative, effective leader who compromises to get things done, and a lot of incentive for a congressman to denounce President Obama's every word and deed whether he likes it or not. Even if most Americans aren't comfortable with the Tea Party's politics,

the Tea Party candidates are from

seats to its representation every

though, so someone somewhere must be approving of the governing by crisis. There's plenty wrong with the polarizing of American voters, and gerrymandering isn't remotely the only problem affecting our legislators, but it certainly doesn't help our situation when a political party can concentrate its supporters for less-than-noble reasons. Years and years of redistricting have helped shape a political landscape where a group of politicians can derail proceedings, deliber-

ately accomplish nothing, and suffer no consequences whatsoever.

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Wally World not happiest place on earth; exploits food stamp glitch



Saturday, Oct. 12, saw what would normally be record sales at two Wal-Mart locations in Louisiana. Springfield Chief of Police Will Lynd described the scene in Springfield, La. as being worse than Black Friday, as dozens of shoppers completely cleared the Wal-Marts' grocery section over the course of the day. How was this done? A computer glitch in the food stamp program.

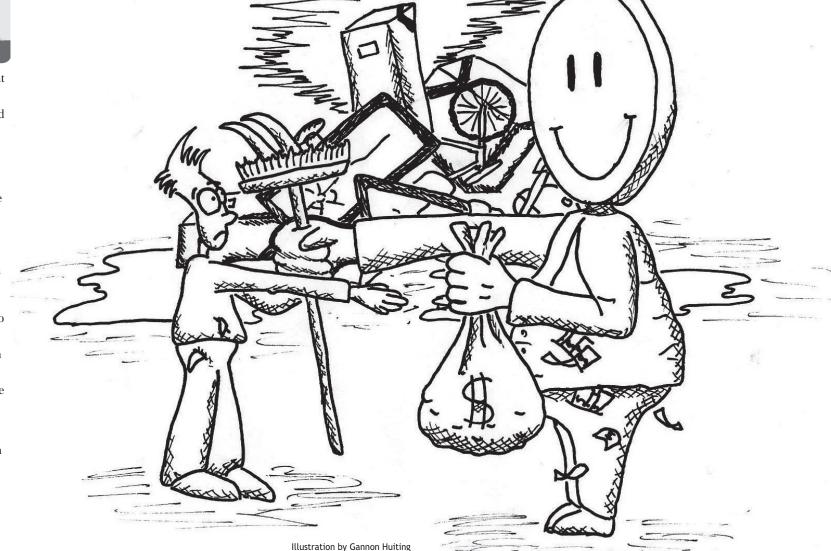
According to CBS News, the generator powering the computer system went down during a routine test on Saturday, which caused the Electronic Benefit Transfer cards to read that they had no spending limits. The company that runs the system, Xerox, fixed it, but the system glitches were not resolved until late that afternoon. The delay gave people ample time to go on a shopping spree.

According to the Huffing-

According to the Huffington Post, there is now a fight over who is footing the bill for the shopping rampages in Springfield, La. and Mansfield, La., even though there is a documented process for handling this exact situation. According to the State of Louisiana, it's Wal-Mart.

ABC News reported that Trey Williams, Communications and Governmental Affairs director for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, said that food stamp recipients should have been limited to \$50, and that the stores who chose not to use the emergency procedures are only to be reimbursed the maximum \$50 for emergency expenditures.

It looks more and more like everyone thought they could run up an expensive tab on the taxpayer's dime. And



from the look of it, Wal-Mart thought they could too.

ABC News said that Wal-Mart was the only store to accept the government issued debit cards, as other stores wouldn't ring them up without a credit limit. According to Yahoo News, when Lynd arrived to assist with crowd control at the Springfield, La. location, he informed the manager that they had the right to refuse service if and when things got out of hand. Apparently, this went unheeded since corporate told the store to allow customers to continue with their

shopping.
That's right: corporate gave this a green light. Granted, these were two stores in Louisiana, but that's still thousands of dollars in grocery bills and a frenzy Wal-Mart

created. Sure, the contractor running the system dropped the ball, but Wal-Mart is drawing the flag for piling on. There is a documented procedure that all other affected stores chose to follow. Are Wal-Mart's sales down so low they need to steal from taxpayers?

Not according to their financials – their net sales have risen for the last five years. I think it's safe to say that this good ol' greed. Two spokespersons for Wal-Mart said that Wal-Mart made the right choice to continue serving their customers in this matter. I find that laughable; when the system was restored and the limits were back in place, the first thing Wal-Mart employees did was get on the stores PA system and announce just that. The large

crowds, with each person

pushing eight shopping carts of groceries, abandoned the store in short order.

It sure looks to me like Wal-Mart was interested in taking advantage of this glitch to cheat taxpayers.

Patrick White is a senior in journalism and electronic media. Please send all comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SGA moving to university-wide professional mentorship programs



K-Staters,

It's crazy to think that it's already the latter half of October. In a month, we'll have

time off for fall break and in two, it'll be winter break – let that settle in for a moment!

that settle in for a moment!

As many of you know, one of the platform issues that Jake and I ran for office on was the idea of greatly increasing the professional mentorship opportunities available to students. We were inspired by the College of Business Administration's innovative Executive Mentorship program. Currently, CBA students can get involved with the program and be assigned a mentor

– someone out in the real, professional world with 10 or more years of experience in their desired career path. Mentors communicate with their student at least once a month, sharing advice on internships, careers and transitioning from college to the world beyond.

world beyond.

Jake and I have always believed that all students at K-State should have the opportunity to grow personally and professionally through similar mentoring relation-

ships. In today's world, it's inadequate to merely have a degree or a decent GPA. Those qualifications, plus strategic connections, a sound ability to interview and people skills to skillfully interact with a broad range of individuals have become necessary to succeed. K-State should provide these opportunities; it's an idea that aligns flawlessly with K-State 2025 and the student-service nature of our

ampus. We're working hard to make our vision a reality. In recent weeks, we've developed a statistics and research-based proposal that we've presented to the deans of each academic college at a monthly Dean's Council meeting and through numerous one-on-one meetings. We have a number of promising meetings to discuss the specifics of such programs in the near future, like a meeting with the College of Human Ecology Alumni Advisory Board this Friday. University progress is often

slow, but we're working in earnest to provide professional mentorship opportunities to more and more K-Staters, and feel confident we'll have substantial progress to show by the Spring semester. Stay tuned for further updates on the topic!

Keep pushing on through the semester, and Go Cats!

Eli Schooley

Student Body President

EVENTS | Homecoming pairings spend weeks in advance preparing

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canned goods to donate to the Flint Hills Breadbas-

"We plan, organize and execute all activities regarding homecoming," Patten said.

Schmidling, Maura junior in animal sciences and a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, said that the best memories are created in the weeks leading up to homecoming. Coming together to plan, prepare or pomp – stuffing tissue paper onto chicken wire to build a homecoming float - are the most valuable social experienc-

es to Schmidling. "My favorite part of preparing for homecoming is getting to meet so many new people while pomping, or practicing for any of the other activities," Schmidling said. "It brings all of the chapters

together as a team and gets me pumped up for the parade."

Another competitive part of homecoming is Wildcat Request Live. Wildcat Request Live is an event where homecoming pairings compete in a dance competition.

Michaela Richards, sophomore in journalism and mass communica-tions and homecoming head for Alpha Xi Delta sorority, said that Wildcat Request Live is her favor-ite part of homecoming week because pairings work together well.

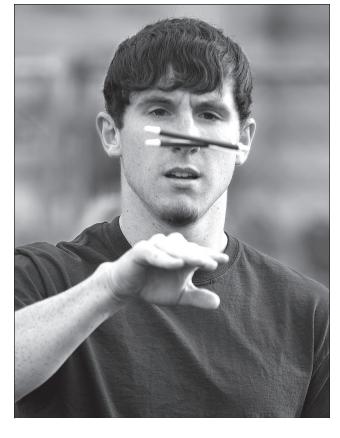
"It's really cool to see how all of the pairings come together and show off their unique dance moves," Richards said.

One of the final homecoming events is the homecoming parade, which takes place on Friday night. Pairings showcase their floats,

starting at Manhattan Center, down Poyntz Avenue, around City Park and through Aggieville to arrive at the Larry Norvell Band Shell in City Park for the homecoming pep rally. Once at the pep rally, winners of all homecoming events will be announced to the anxious crowd.

Last year, the pairing of Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma won first place within the Greek pairings.

"My favorite memory of homecoming was hands down the feeling of winning last year," Schmidling said. "I swear, none of us were breathing from the moment they announced the second place winning pairing to the moment they announced our pairing as the first place winner. It still gives



KICKOFF | Intermingling goal of event

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course with a different obstacle every 10 yards. Each team had 10 people competing in obstacles such as leap frog, potato sack hop, crab walk and the very last person led Willie's familiar K-S-U chant.

"Crazy Cat Kickoff was a great way to get different resident halls to intermingle," said Beth Little, co-adviser of the K-State Association of Residence Halls. "It really helped to kick off homecoming with great spirit and involvement."

The points earned at the event will be contributed to the total points for each resident hall during the week of homecoming. An overall winner will be announced at the pep rally on Friday evening.

Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Derek Lingo, sophomore in electrical engineering, attempts to catch pens bounced off the back of his hand during the Crazy Cat Kickoff in Memorial Stadium Sunday. Crazy Cat Kickoff was a series of silly games for teams of residence hall students; Lingo was part of the Goodnow Hall team.

Chalk; not just for announcements



Members of the Powercat Motor Sports design team work on the team's sidewalk chalk art during the Homecoming Sidewalk Chalking contest Sunday in Bosco Student Plaza. The theme for the 2013 homecoming is "A Tale of Tradition," which designers interpreted however they saw fit in their designs.

5K RUN | K-State alumnus take first

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supports the military as much as they do." Minnix, along with several other fellow army students, finished the 5K running in formation

and carrying the flag.

"It is definitely more of a challenge," Minnix said. "It's a lot more weight."

Other students took part in the race with specific time goals. Luke Kicklighter, freshman in microbiology, said he set the goal to run the race in under 20 minutes. He said he was excited about getting to support the center and enjoyed the ideal race conditions."

"Any time you get to run a 5K, it's awesome, but it's even better if money goes to a good cause," Kicklighter said. "It's perfect weather, a great race. There's no better way to start a day."

Both female and male first place non-student finishers are K-State alumnus. Kory Cool, the male first placer, ran cross county for a year of his time at K-State during the 2006-07 season.

Coming in first place in the student division were Daniel Worthington, sophomore in industrial engineering, and Lyndi Stucky, senior in mass communications. Stucky ran in the 2013 Boston Marathon as well, with a time of 3:38:14. Times have not yet been posted for the contes-



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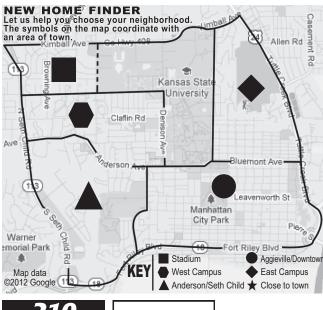
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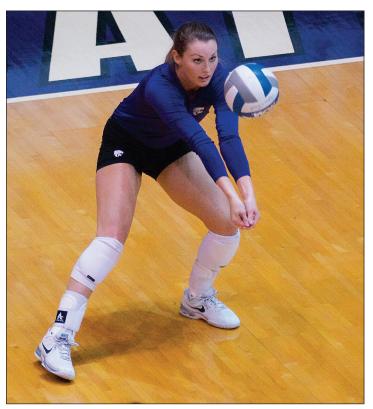
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Wildcats back on right track; beat Raiders 3-0



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K-State senior defense specialist and libero **Tristan McCarty**, bumps the ball during the match against TCU at Ahearn Field House on Oct. 5. The Wildcats beat the Horned Frogs, winning 3 out 5 sets.

David Embers

K-State volleyball did something on Saturday night that they have failed to do since Oct. 5; they won. In a packed Ahearn Field House, the Wildcats got back on track with a 3-0 sweep of the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The win moved K-State to 14-5 on the season, 2-4 in the Big 12, and got a much needed victory in front of a raucous home crowd of 3,113 – a season-high for attendance at Ahearn. After the game, head coach Suzie Fritz highlighted how important the win was for the Wildcats to bounce back.

"I liked everything about my team tonight," Fritz said. "The coaches have been on the team and asking more of them, so I am proud of how this team responded."

Perhaps the most impressive thing about the Wildcats' win was how they kept the pedal to the metal from start to finish. K-State opened up with a 25-19 win in the first set and, with such a fired up crowd, kept up the momentum and won the next two sets, 25-19 and 25-22. In the last couple games, K-State has failed to string together multiple dominant sets, but on Saturday night they bucked that trend.

Senior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger led the Wildcat offense with

sports editor

The K-State rowing team

concluded its fall season

yesterday in Lawrence at

the Jayhawk Jamboree.

K-State's varsity boats had

the best showings in the

regatta, while the Wildcats

had at least one boat finish

in the top five of each race.

race featured K-State's 8A boat finish second, behind

only the Kansas Jayhawks. The Wildcats also had

The Women's Varsity 8

15 kills, and hit with a kill percentage of .406. She also added eight digs, and two blocks. In her four years at K-State, Pelger said she has seen how valuable Ahearn can be to the Wildcats' success.

"I absolutely love playing in Ahearn," Pelger said. "It is unlike any other place that I have played at because our crowd really gets us going. It is just so rewarding that we have a crowd like that. They get us so enthused and I am thankful for them. I am so happy that we got the win tonight."

The offensive success came from an adjustment Fritz made earlier in the week. Fritz decided to move senior outside hitter Dakota Kaufman to the right side to provide more balance to an offense that had been feeble in the past couple games. Kaufman finished the match with 10 kills, and finished with a kill percentage of .450. Redshirt freshman setter Katie Brand recorded 40 assists, and helped the Wildcats hit at a clip of .266, which is the highest mark K-State has reached during Big 12 play.

For a team that had been struggling, Fritz said a week of hard work and focus helped K-State address some kinks. The goal was to get back to the nuts and bolts of what had made the Wildcats so effective during their nonconference schedule.

"We have been working on our transition game a lot right now,"-Fritz said. "To be honest, we kind of went away from offense and focused more on other things that we are good at. Sometimes when you work in transition, it is a very unpredictable thing. You are out of system and sometimes hitting in bad situations makes you better. We have to keep working to stay ahead of the play."

Pelger, who became only the fourth player in K-State history to record 1,400 kills, echoed her head coach. She explained after the match that the Red Raiders bunched their defense in the middle, forcing outside hitters to play terminally. Texas Tech's system makes it a point to take away offense in the middle of the court, and the outside hitters have to step up if you want to be successful.

"We had the best week of practice that we have had this season and our outside hitters did exactly what we needed them to do tonight," Pelger said.

A Wildcat volleyball victory
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to a K-State press release. "It was productive, not successful by winning ev-

erything, but overall it was good racing four our team."

until late March when they

head to Austin, Texas for

the Longhorn Invitational.

Until then, the team will

get a chance to workout in

their brand new training

facility, located just east of Bill Snyder Family Sta-

The Wildcats don't kick off their spring season

Wildcats show improvement against nation's best at invitational in Indiana



Josh Staab | Collegian

K-State sophomore Mary Frances Donnelly crosses King's Bridge at the Rim Rock Invitational in Lawrence on Oct. 5. She finished third for K-State and the 13th overall.

Brandon Painter staff writer

K-State cross country head coach Michael Smith took his men and women to the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Ind. for a glimpse at national competition last Saturday in the Pre-National Invitational. K-State went up against some incredibly tough competition, the women in particular ran with six top 15 teams: No. 2 Florida State, No. 5 Georgetown, No. 6 Oregon, No. 11 Stanford, No. 12 Colorado and No. 14 Michigan. The lady Wildcats finished 30th,

with No. 5 Georgetown taking home the gold.

"We hoped that as a team we could finish in the top 20," Smith said after the competition. "The field was very strong today, we were competing against some of the best teams in the country. We beat some teams we were supposed to beat and competed well against Big 12 schools and schools in our region."

Junior Laura Galvan set a season best with 20:54.40 while finishing 37th among 340 runners in the women's 6,000 meter blue race. Senior Martina Tresch, sophomore Mary Frances Donnelly and freshman Morgan Wedekind also recorded season bests.

On the flip side, the men finished 16th overall in the 8,000 meter white race with Ohio coming in first. Freshmen Jeff Bachman and Lukas Koch led the men, finishing 64th and 66th respectively.

The Wildcats will have two weeks to recoup and improve before traveling down to Bear country to compete in the Big 12 Championships in Waco, Texas on Nov. 2. Last year the women finished sixth and the men recorded orights

"We are measured by how we compete in the Big 12 meet," Smith said.



K-State rowing finishes fall season

three boats finish in the top five of the Women's

K-State head coach Pat-

rick Sweeney said that he

felt his team was success-

ful at the regatta, especially

with different combina-

tions of boats being used

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